

Proclamation



WHEREAS, Fulton County is home to a diverse and growing population of residents and diaspora from across the African continent, including a substantial community of Congolese nationals and their descendants residing in the Atlanta metropolitan area; and



WHEREAS, the Democratic Republic of Congo — a nation of over 100 million people, spanning the heart of Central Africa — carries a cultural heritage of extraordinary depth, encompassing music, art, literature, and oral tradition that has shaped the African continent and influenced cultures worldwide; and



WHEREAS, the 2026 FIFA World Cup, co-hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico, presents Fulton County with an unparalleled opportunity to welcome athletes and citizens of the world, and to reaffirm this city's standing as a global center of culture, commerce, and community; and



WHEREAS, on June 27, 2026, the Democratic Republic of Congo will participate in a FIFA World Cup match held in Atlanta — marking a historic moment for Congolese football and for the Congolese diaspora across the United States, who will gather in Atlanta to witness and celebrate this occasion; and



WHEREAS, recognition of this occasion by Fulton County affirms the contributions of Congolese Americans to the cultural and civic fabric of metro Atlanta, and honors the enduring connection between Atlanta's international communities and their nations of origin; and



WHEREAS, it is consistent with the values and traditions of Fulton County to recognize and celebrate the cultural heritage of the nations and peoples represented within our community, and to extend official recognition to the significance of this historic World Cup moment;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Fulton County Board of Commissioners urge all residents, institutions, and visitors of Fulton County to join in recognizing the cultural heritage, civic contributions, and global presence of the Congolese people and the Congolese-American community on this historic occasion, and does hereby proclaim Saturday, June 27, 2026, as "**CONGOLESE CULTURAL DAY**" in Fulton County, Georgia.

Fulton County Board of Commissioners

Attest:

Commissioner

Clerk to the Commission

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